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## Article I - Name.

This society shall be called The Boston Friends Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

## Article II - Object.

Its object shall be to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, <sup>and</sup> to make them more useful in the service of God.

## Article III - Membership.

Sec. 1. The members shall consist of three classes; - active, associate <sup>and</sup> affiliated or honorary.

Sec. 2. Active members. The active members of this society shall consist of all persons, who believe themselves to be Christians, <sup>and</sup> who sincerely desire to accomplish the objects above specified.

Sec. 3. Associate members. - All young persons of worthy character, who are not at present willing to be





considered decided Christians, may be associate members of this society.

They shall have the special prayers of the society, but shall be excused from taking part in the prayer meeting. It is expected that all Associate members will habitually attend the prayer meetings <sup>and</sup> that in time they will become active members, <sup>and</sup> the society will work to this end.

Sec. 4. Affiliated or Honorary members.

All persons who, though no longer young, are still interested in the society, <sup>and</sup> wish to have some connection with it, though they cannot regularly attend the meetings, may become Affiliated members. Their names shall be kept upon the list under the appropriate heading. It is understood that the society may look to its affiliated members for financial <sup>and</sup> moral support in all worthy efforts.



Sec. 5. These different persons shall become members upon being elected by the society, after carefully examining the constitution, <sup>and</sup> upon signing their names to it, thereby pledging themselves to live up to its requirements.

#### Article. IV. Officers.

Sec. 1. The officers of this society shall be, a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary <sup>and</sup> Treasurer, who shall be chosen from the active members of the society.

Sec. 2. There shall also be a Lookout Committee, a Missionary Committee, a Prayer Meeting Committee, a Social Committee, a Flower Committee, a Good Citizenship Committee, an Information Committee <sup>and</sup> such other committees as the needs of the society may require. Each of the committees shall consist of three or more members. There shall also be an Executive committee as provided in Article V.





## Article I. - Duties of Officers.

1. President. The president of the society shall perform the duties usually pertaining to that office. He shall have especial watch over the interests of the society, and it shall be his care to see that the different committees perform the duties devolving upon them. He shall be chairman of the Executive committee.
2. Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the President, and perform his duties in his absence.
3. Corresponding Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep the local society in communication with the State and local Christian Endeavor unions and with the United Society, and to present to his own society such matters of interest as may come from the United Society, from other local societies, and from other authorized sources of Christian Endeavor information. This office shall be held permanently by the



same person, as long as he is able to perform its duties satisfactorily, and his name should be forwarded to the United Society immediately after election.

4. Recording Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary, to keep a record of the members, to correct it from time to time, as may be necessary, and to obtain the signature of each newly elected member to the Constitution; also to correspond with absent members, and to inform them of their standing in the society, also to keep correct minutes of all business meetings of the society; also to notify all persons elected to office or to committees.

5. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep safely all moneys belonging to the society, and to pay out only such sums as shall be voted by the society.





## Article VI. - Duties of Committees.

1. Lookout Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to bring new members into the society, to introduce them to the work <sup>and</sup> to the other members, and affectionately to look after <sup>and</sup> reclaim any that seem indifferent to their duties as outlined in the pledge. This committee shall also, by personal investigation, satisfy itself of the fitness of young persons to become members of this society, <sup>and</sup> shall propose their names at least, one week before their election to membership, having first presented such names to the Pastor for approval.
2. Prayer Meeting Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to have in charge the prayer meeting, <sup>and</sup> to see that a topic is assigned, <sup>and</sup> a leader appointed for every meeting, <sup>and</sup> to do what it can to secure faithfulness to the prayer meeting pledge.



3. Social Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to promote the social interests of the society by welcoming strangers to the meetings, <sup>and</sup> by providing for the mutual acquaintance of the members by occasional sociables, for which any appropriate entertainment, of which the church approves, may be provided.
4. Executive Committee. This committee shall consist of the Pastor of the church, the officers of the society <sup>and</sup> the chairmen of the various committees. It may act in case of necessity for the society, at the call of the president. All discussion of proposed measures shall take place before this committee <sup>and</sup> not before the society. Recommendations concerning the finances of the society, ~~should~~ also originate with this committee.
5. Each committee, except the Executive, shall make a report in writing to





The society at the monthly business meetings, concerning the work of the past month.

#### Article VII - The Prayer Meeting.

All the active members shall be present at every meeting, unless detained by some absolute necessity, <sup>and</sup> each active member shall take some part, however slight, in every meeting. To this above all the active members shall pledge themselves, understanding by absolute necessity, some reason which can conscientiously be given to their Master, Jesus Christ.

#### Article VIII - The Pledge.

All persons on becoming Active members of the Society, shall sign the following pledge: - Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do: that I will make it the rule of my life to pray <sup>and</sup> to read the Bible every day, <sup>and</sup> to support



my own church in every way, especially,  
by attending all her regular Sunday  
and mid-week services, unless prevented  
by some reason which I can conscientiously  
give to my Saviour; and that, just so  
far as I know how, throughout my whole  
life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian  
life. As an active member, I promise  
to be true to all my duties, to be  
present at, and to take some part, aside  
from singing, in every Christian Endeavor  
prayer meeting, unless hindered by some  
reason which I can conscientiously give  
to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be  
absent from the monthly consecration  
meeting of the society, I will, if possible,  
send at least a verse of Scripture to  
be read in response to my name at  
the roll call.

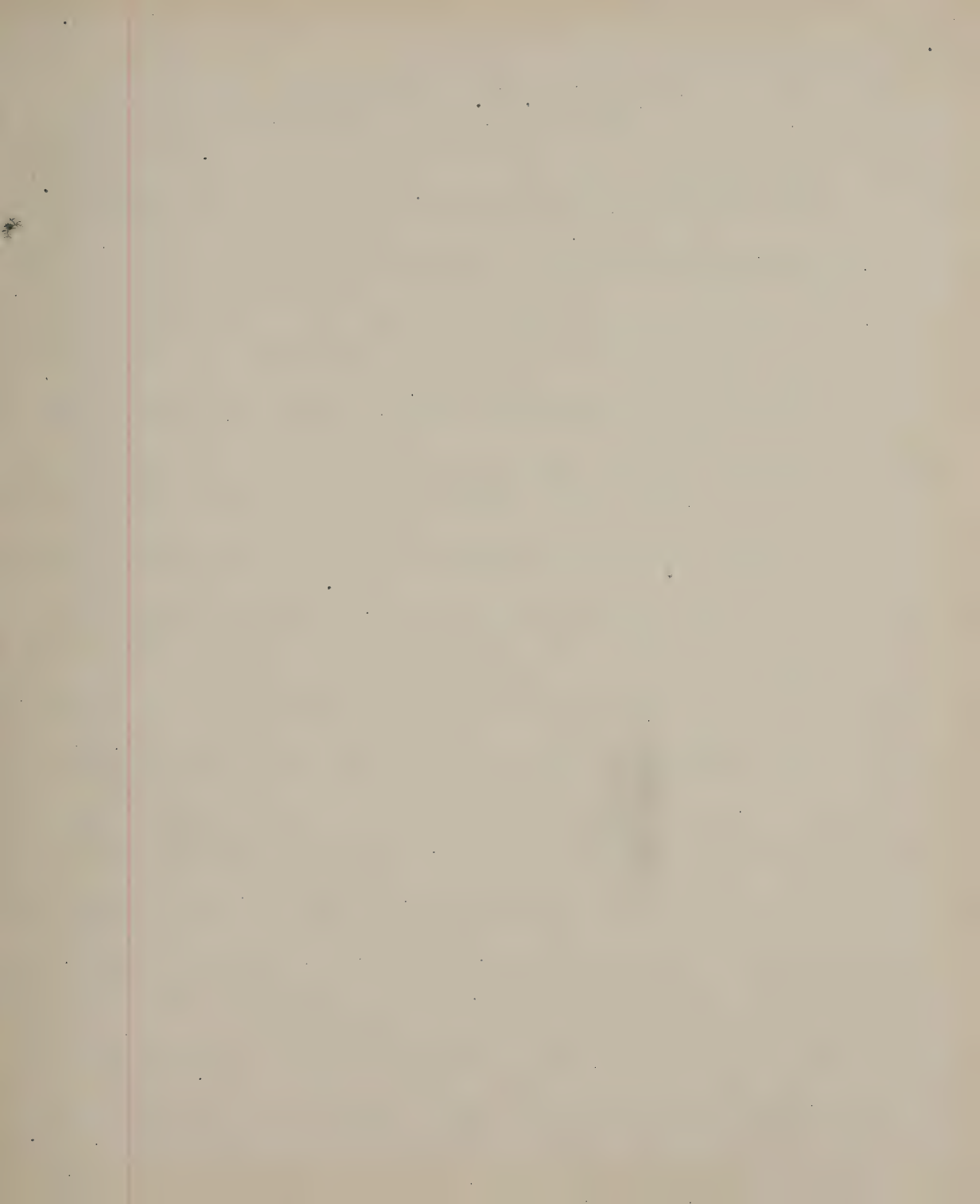
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## Article IX The Consecration Meeting

1. Once each month a consecration or covenant meeting shall be held, at which each active member shall renew his vows of consecration. If any one chooses, he can express his feelings by an appropriate use of Scripture or other quotation.
2. It is recommended that at each consecration meeting the roll shall be called. (or some equally thorough method of making the record may be adopted) <sup>and</sup> the responses of the active members shall be considered as renewed expressions of allegiance to Christ. It is expected that if any one is obliged to be absent from this meeting, he will send a message, or at least a verse of Scripture, to be read as his service to the meeting.
3. If any active member of this society is absent from this monthly meeting, <sup>and</sup> fails to send a message, the Lookout Committee is expected to take the name of such a one, <sup>and</sup> in kind <sup>and</sup> brotherly spirit ascertain



the reason for the absence;

If any active member of the society is absent <sup>and</sup> unexcused from three consecutive monthly meetings, such a one ceases to be a member of the society, <sup>and</sup> his name, on vote of the Lookout Committee <sup>and</sup> the Pastor, shall be stricken from the list of members.

4. Any associate member who, without good reason, is regularly absent from the prayer meetings, <sup>and</sup> shows no interest what ever in the work of the society, may, upon vote of the Lookout Committee <sup>and</sup> Pastor be dropped from the roll of members.

#### Article X. Business Meetings <sup>and</sup> Elections.

1. Business meetings may be held in connection with the prayer meeting, or at any other time in accordance with the call of the President.

2. An election of the officers <sup>and</sup> committees shall be held once in six months.

Names may be proposed by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President, of which the Pastor shall be a member.





ex officio.

Article XI - Relation to the Church.

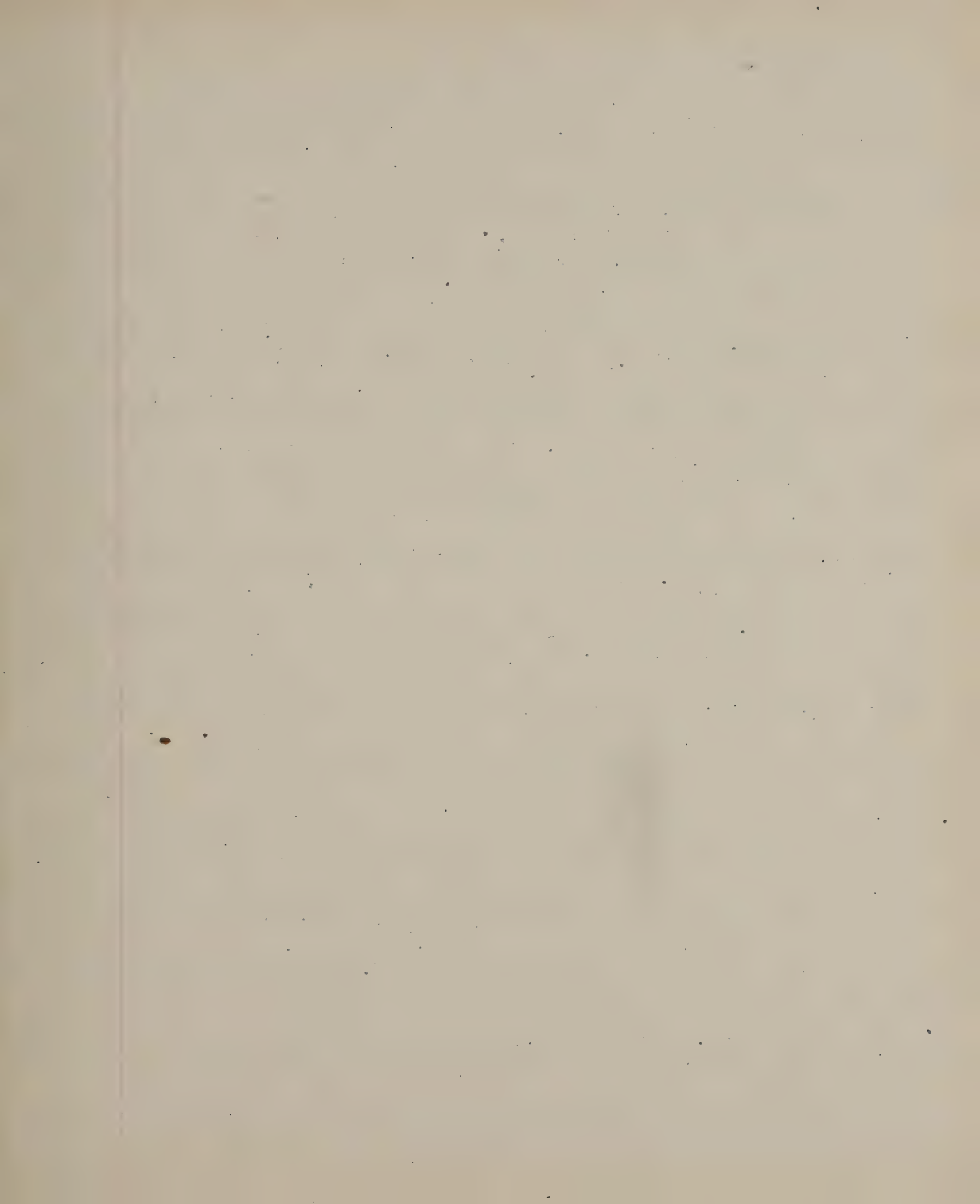
This society, being a part of the church, owes allegiance only <sup>and</sup> all together to the church with which it is connected.

The ministers, elders, overseers ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Sunday School Superintendent, if not active members shall be ex officio honorary members.

It shall be understood that the nomination of officers or other action taken by the society, shall be subject to revision or veto by the church; that in every way the society shall put itself under the control of the official board of the church, and shall make a report to the church annually, in May.

Article XII - Relation of the Junior Society.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor and the Junior Society, being united by ties of closest sympathy <sup>and</sup> common effort, monthly (or at least annual) reports should be read to the Young Peoples Society by the Junior Superintendent.



When the boys<sup>and</sup> girls reach the age of fourteen, they shall be transferred to the older society. Special pains shall be taken to see that a share of the duties<sup>and</sup> responsibilities of the prayer meetings<sup>and</sup> of the general work of the society shall be borne by the younger members.

#### Article XIII- Fellowship.

This society while owing allegiance only to its own church, is united by ties of spiritual fellowship with other Christian Endeavor societies the world around.

This fellowship is based upon a common love to Christ, is cemented by a common pledge<sup>and</sup> common methods of work, <sup>and</sup> is guaranteed by a common name, "Christian Endeavor", used either alone or in connection with some denominational name. This fellowship is that of an interdenominational, not an undenominational, organization. It is promoted by local union meetings, State <sup>and</sup>





national conventions, <sup>and</sup> still further by the work of the Information Committee which it is hoped will be adopted by each society.

#### Article XIV. - Withdrawals.

Any member who may wish to withdraw from the society shall state the reasons to the Lookout Committee <sup>and</sup> Pastor, <sup>and</sup> if these reasons seem sufficient, he may be allowed to withdraw.

#### Article XV. - Miscellaneous.

Any other committees may be added <sup>and</sup> duties assumed by this society which in the future may seem best.

#### Article XVI. - Transfer of Members.

Since it would in the end defeat the very object of our organization if the older active members, who have been trained in the society for usefulness in the church, should remain content with fulfilling their pledge to the society only, therefore it is expected that the older members, when it shall become

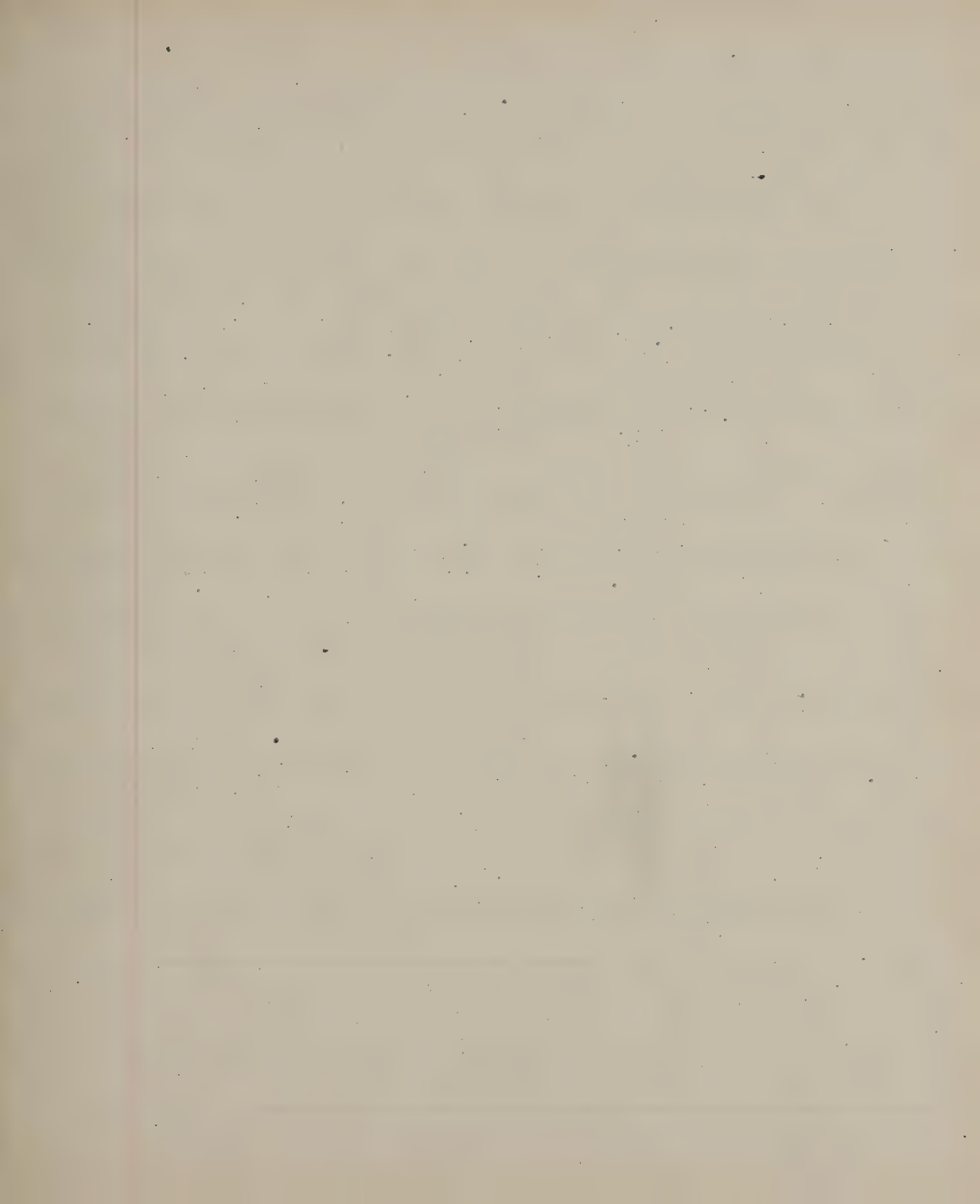


impossible for them to attend two weekly prayer meetings, shall be transferred, to the honorary membership of the society, if previously faithful to their vows as active members. This transfer, however, shall be made with the understanding that the obligation to faithful service shall still be binding upon them in the regular church prayer meeting. It shall be left to the Lookout Committee, in conjunction with the Pastor, to see that this transfer of membership is made as occasion requires.

#### Article XVII - Amendment.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by a two-thirds vote of the entire active membership of the society, provided that a written statement of the proposed amendment shall have been read to the society <sup>and</sup> deposited with the Secretary at the regular business meeting next preceding.





## By Laws.

### Article I.

This society shall hold a prayer meeting on First day evening of each week, at 6 P.M. The first regular prayer meeting of the month shall be a consecration meeting.

### Article II

Method of Conducting the Consecration Meeting  
At this meeting the roll may be called by the leader during the meeting or at its close. After the opening exercises, the names of five or more may be called, <sup>and</sup> then a hymn sung or a prayer offered. The committee may be called by themselves, or other variations of the roll call introduced. Thus varied, with singing <sup>and</sup> prayer interspersed, the entire roll shall be called.

### Article III.

This society shall hold its regular business meeting in connection with the first regular prayer meeting in



the month. Special business meetings may be held at the call of the President.

#### Article IV

The election of officers <sup>and</sup> committees shall be held at the first business meetings in 5<sup>th</sup> <sup>and</sup> eleventh months.

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President at least two weeks previous to the time for electing new officers. Of this committee, the Pastor shall be a member ex officio. It is understood that these officers are chosen subject to the approval of the church. If there is no objection on the part of the church, the election stands. The following clause of the By Laws may be read at the society before each semi-annual election of officers;—

While membership on the board of officers or committees of this society should be distributed <sup>as</sup> evenly as the best good of the society will warrant, among the different members, the officers should not





be considered places of honor to be striven for, but simply opportunities for increased usefulness, <sup>and</sup> any ill feeling or jealousy springing from this cause shall be deemed unworthy a member of the Society of Christian Endeavor. When, however, a member has been fairly elected, it is expected that he will consider his office a sacred trust, to be conscientiously accepted <sup>and</sup> never to be declined except for most urgent <sup>and</sup> valid reasons.

#### Article V

Applications for membership may be made to the society through the Lookout Committee.

Names may be proposed for membership one week before the business meeting, and shall be voted on by the society at that meeting. The Lookout Committee may, in order to satisfy itself of the Christian character of the candidate, present to all candidates for active or



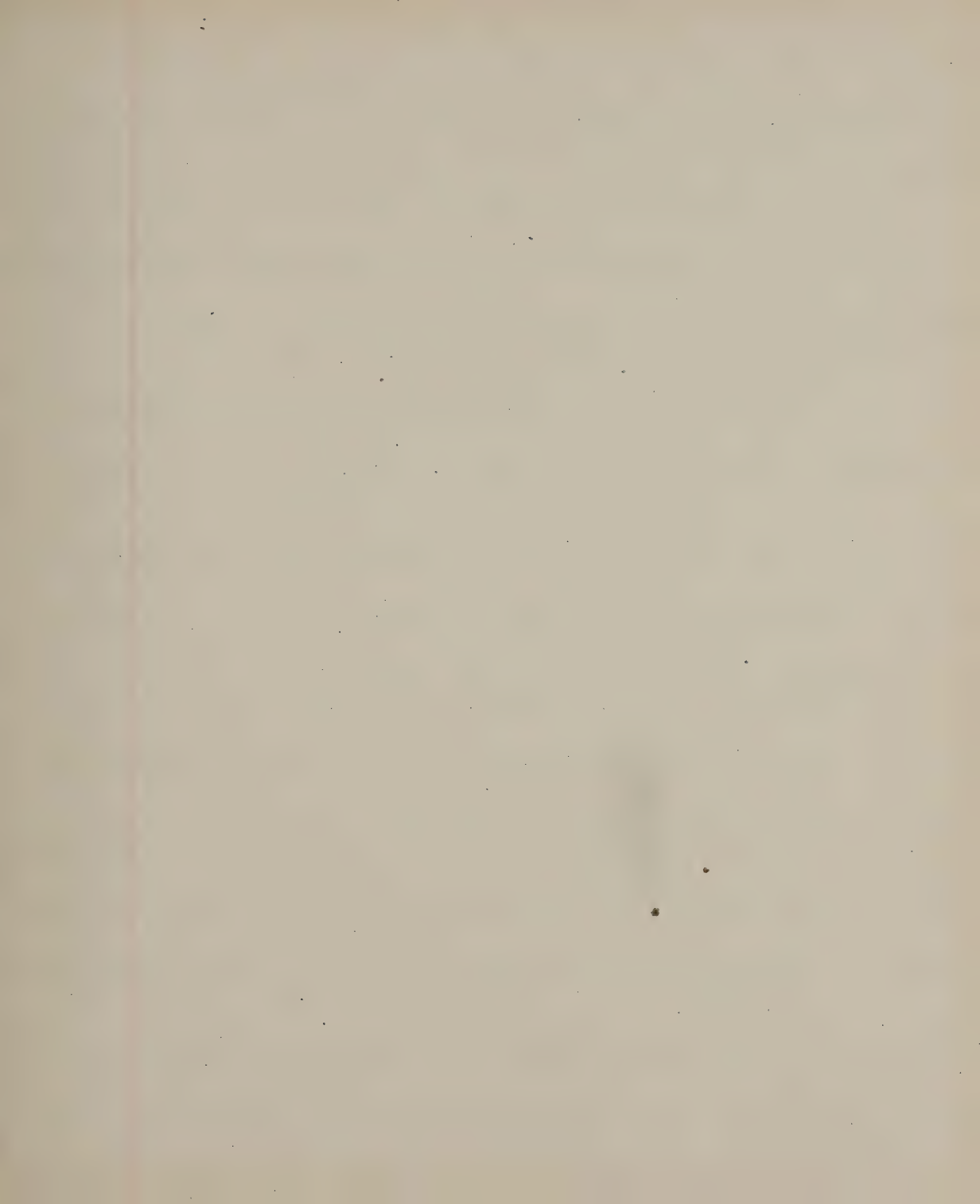
associate membership one of the following cards to be signed:-

Active Members Pledge.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray<sup>ing</sup> to read the Bible every day, <sup>and</sup> to support my own church in every way especially, by attending all her regular Sunday<sup>ing</sup> mid-week services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Saviour; <sup>and</sup> that just so far as I know how, through out my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

As an Active member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at, <sup>and</sup> to take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from





the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will, if possible, send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my answer at the roll call.

Signed ~~~~~

### Associate Members Pledge.

As an associate member, I promise to attend the prayer meetings of the society habitually, and declare my willingness to do what I may be called upon to do as an associate member to advance the interests of the society.

Signed ~~~~~

### Article VI.

Persons who have forfeited their membership may be re-admitted on recommendation of the Lookout Committee and Pastor and by vote of the members present at any regular business meeting.

### Article VII.

New members shall sign the Constitution, which shall contain the pledge, within four weeks from their election,



to confirm the vote of the society.

#### Article VIII.

Any one who cannot accept the office to which he may be elected, shall notify the President before the next business meeting, at which the vacancy shall be filled. In the mean time the former officer holds the position.

#### Article IX.

Letters of introduction to other Christian Endeavor societies, shall be given to members in good standing, who apply to be released from their obligations to the society, this release to take effect when they shall become members of another society; until then, their names shall be kept on the Absent List.

Members removing to other places, or desiring to join other Christian Endeavor societies in the same city or town, are requested to obtain Letters of Introduction within six months from the time of their leaving, unless they shall give





satisfactory reasons to the society for their further delay.

### Article X

Other committees may be added according to the needs of local societies, whose duties may be defined as follows:—

Information Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to gather information concerning Endeavors or Endeavor work, in all parts of the world, <sup>and</sup> to report the same. For this purpose, five minutes shall be set aside at the beginning of each meeting.

Missionary Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to provide for regular missionary meetings, to interest the members of the society in all ways in missionary topics, <sup>and</sup> to aid in any manner which may seem practicable, the cause of home<sup>ly</sup> foreign missions.

Flower Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to provide flowers for the pulpit, <sup>and</sup> to distribute them to



the sick at the close of the Sabbath services.  
Temperance Committee. It shall be the  
duty of this committee to do what  
may be deemed best to promote  
temperance principles <sup>and</sup> sentiment  
among the members of the society.  
Other committees, not here found, may  
be added, as occasion may demand  
<sup>and</sup> the church may desire.

#### Article XL

Members who cannot meet with this  
society for a time are requested to  
obtain leave of absence, which shall  
be granted by the Lookout committee  
<sup>and</sup> Pastor <sup>and</sup> withdrawn at any time  
by the same, <sup>and</sup> their names shall  
be placed on the Absent List.

#### Article XII

Five active members shall constitute a  
quorum.

#### Article XIII

These By-Laws may be amended by a  
two-thirds vote of the members.





present at any regular meeting,  
provided that notice of such  
amendment is given in writing  
and is recorded by the Secretary at  
least one week before the amendment  
is acted upon.















